

Animal Enhancement Activity—KS-ANM32 Extend existing filter strips or riparian herbaceous cover for water quality protection and wildlife habitat

Kansas Criteria for National Animal Enhancement Activity—ANM32

- 1. Refer to Conservation Practice Construction Specifications 393, Filter Strip, for practice.
- 2. When designing seed mixes for new extension plantings, refer to Conservation Practice Construction Specifications 550, Range Planting.
- 3. Refer to Kansas Plant Materials Technical Note KS-1, Grass and Forb/Legume Varieties Approved for Use in Kansas, for plant adaptability information.
- 4. Select only native, non-invasive, perennial species for seeding mixes.
- 5. Seeding designs shall be completed on Form KS-ECS-4, Grass Seeding.
- 6. After establishment of the buffer, disturbance by mowing, grazing, or fire is prohibited between the dates of April 15—July 15.
- 7. Forage and biomass removal shall be completed as designed on Form KS-ECS-23, Vegetative Management, and shall be consistent with the goals of a wildlife habitat management plan designed for the targeted buffer area.
- 8. If forage is to be removed by grazing, a grazing management plan shall be developed using Forms KS-ECS 11, Determining Range Condition and Evaluating Forage Preferences and Uses; KS-ECS-414, Proper Grazing Use; KS-ECS-528A, Livestock Forage Balance Data Form; and KS-ECS-528B, Grazing Management Plan. Removal of forage by grazing shall be consistent with the goals of a wildlife habitat management plan designed for the targeted buffer area.
- 9. If native woody species are desired in the buffer or filter extension, refer to Conservation Practice Construction Specifications 391, Riparian Forest Buffer.